

LOCAL ITEMS.

The pilot boat Meta was sold on Tuesday last by the U. S. Marshal for \$1792 cash, to Mr. F. W. Schepher.

Jury Commissioner Cohen is revising the jury lists and will draw the juries for 1877 some time next week.

There will be quite a chance at an early day for speculators in damaged cotton, as near two thousand bales will be offered in Charleston and near six thousand at Port Royal.

The body of an unknown colored man was found in Coosawhatchie swamp on the 7th inst. The coroners jury rendered a verdict that the deceased froze to death.

Saturday last, we are told, was Russia's New Year and the officers and men from the Bogatar were in town in large numbers and celebrated the event as is customary with ordinary mortals.

The Intendant had up before him on Monday five drunks who contributed six dollars to the town treasury besides the costs.

County Auditor Langley has removed, temporarily, his books to the Town Hall for the convenience of himself and our citizens. His deputy still keeps the office open in the Court House.

The books, records, and surveys of the Direct Tax Commissioners which were taken to Washington after the recent sale, are to be returned and may be seen and examined in the office of Mr. J. M. Crofut, Deputy Collector of internal revenue.

The town Treasurer reports the taxes are being received promptly, fully one fourth having been already paid. The time for payment expires on February 5th after which a penalty of 25 per cent will be added.

The County chairman of the Republican party has issued a call for a meeting of the supporters of Gov. Chamberlain, to be held in Beaufort next Tuesday, on which occasion several speakers from abroad, as well as these at home, will address the people.

In the United States Court in Charleston in the case of Sylvanus Mayo vs. the sloop "Key Stone," libel for supplies and materials the court decreed that the libellants receive the amount of his supply and materials, amounting to \$136 44, with interest and costs.

The first act of the new board of County Commissioners is one of reform—backwards. They rejected the two lowest bids for feeding the poor and gave the contract to Silas Williams. Silas Williams in this case is the figure head, but for all we know the board have acted as they thought to the best interest of the county.

On Tuesday morning of last week, while Captain Hagen of the Russian bark Musto in Bull river, was going down the river in a boat in company with a sailor from his vessel the boat suddenly capsized and swamped and the sailor drowned. The captain was picked up by a boat from the French bark Massilia. The body of the sailor had not been recovered at last accounts.

Ben Simmons has been appointed a trial justice for Bluffton. He has his commission but has not qualified before the clerk of court as provided by law. Macon B. Allen has also been appointed a trial justice for Beaufort. Such appointments as these make no friends for Chamberlain—except the appointees.

In the United States Court in Charleston on Tuesday last in the case of Peter Toglio, master of the steamer Pilot Boy, a warrant of arrest was issued to seize the cargo, and the United States deputy marshal was ordered at once to stop the shipment of the cargo to New York.

Turner Banks charged with the robbery of the stores of W. C. Bellows and Mr. Pollitzer, was arrested last Saturday in Savannah by deputy sheriff Mehan and brought here and placed in jail. On Tuesday last Banks was brought before trial justice Carleton and strong evidence being produced to prove his guilt he was committed for trial at the February term of Court. As a reward of one hundred dollars was offered by the town for the arrest of the robbers of the store of Mr. Bellows, Mick feels sure of pocketing the money.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners last Monday Mr. Holmes presented his balance sheets for settlement of his accounts as County treasurer for fiscal year 1875, from which we get the following figures: The amount collected on account of the three mill past indebtedness tax was \$7,663.85, and the balance on hand \$384.24. There was collected on account of liquor licenses \$2,681.80, with a balance on hand of \$168.20. The one mill deficiency tax produced \$3,341.37, which fund had been overdrawn to the amount of \$11.74. The three mill county tax produced \$10,251, and a balance is reported of \$9.37.

Town Council.

The council met on the 10th, and the committee on accounts reported favorably on the following bills, and they were ordered paid: F. W. Schepher, \$23.54; W. H. Calvert, \$30.86; George Waterhouse \$90.55; M. Williams, \$41; S. M. Wallace, \$124.33; Cato Perry, \$90; B. Jenkins, \$2 50; D. C. Wilson, \$28.47; The following bills were referred to the

same committee: The Treasurer, \$20; Standard Land Company, \$73; N. May, \$80.52; J. A. Whittman, \$10.50; E. J. P. z, \$45; D. C. Wilson, \$155.20; D. C. Wilson, \$2.04. The committee on streets reported favorably on the purchase of ten street lamps and posts and ten wooden pumps. The Intendant was authorized to contract for the digging of five wells at such locations as are necessary. A resolution to purchase a lot on which to erect an engine house, was referred to the committee on the fire department.

The County Commissioners.

The board of County Commissioners met on Monday all the members being present, besides Renty F. Greaves who appeared with his commission and was prepared to assume the onerous duties of commissioner.

The bids for feeding the poor for the year 1877 were opened as follows:

Silas Williams, etc. per day, 10 1/2
H. Robi son " " " 10 1/2
M. M. Kingman " " " 10

There was but one bid for medical attendance, Dr. Stuart being the only applicant as follows:

Medicines for pris'ns per month, \$8
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Medical attendance on the poor and prisoners for the year, \$400. Mr. Joe Robinson appeared and made a complaint that he, as a representative of the Young Men's Christian Association, had visited the poor house and found the people suffering from a want of clothing, and gave some instances to prove his charges. The board looked over the books and found that they have paid during the past year for blankets and clothing \$448.36, so that they felt that they had done their duty and the blame if any, could not be charged to them. The keeper of the almshouse claimed that all the clothing received had been carefully distributed and if there was not sufficient it was no fault of his.

The board met on Tuesday morning, and opened a bid from Dr. C. A. Frupp of Laurens for medicines and attendance on the poor and prisoners. Dr. Frupp offered to serve them professionally for \$500 a year, and to furnish medicines for \$15, a month. As the bid was received after the time designated in the advertisement for the reception of proposals the board decided that they could not entertain it. A bid was also opened from Mr. W. H. Devlin offering to feed the county poor for ten cents per day but as it was in the same fix as that from Dr. Frupp it shared the same fate. A communication was received from Auditor Lau, requesting the board to make the tax levy as soon as possible. Dr. Pritchard said the tax in Yemassee was the same as in Beaufort township, 24 mills and that the people could not pay it. His tax in Georgia he said was only seven mills. A letter was received from the nurse at the Almshouse relating the charge of the suffering of the inmates of that institution and requesting an inspection by the board. Letters were received from M. B. Allen, S. D. Gilbert and J. C. Richmond offering their services as clerk of the board. Mr. Devlin made a bid offering to furnish coffins and bury dead paupers and prisoners at \$9 each.

In the afternoon after Mr. Holmes had completed his settlement with the board Dr. Pritchard announced that he was ready to give way to Renty F. Greaves, his successor, and Mr. Greaves was then sworn in. The whole board took the oath of office when Mr. Martin was unanimously chosen chairman. An election for clerk was then held and Mr. Wheeler, who has acted in that capacity for the past two years, was chosen on the first ballot by the votes of Martin and Scott.

PORT ROYAL.

Chicken thieves infest the city. Port Royal raises \$2,000 a year by taxation about one half of which is paid by Robbins and Appleton.

Hubbard, as deputy marshal, guards the hatelways of the unfortunate Harvey Mills.

Mr. A. J. Allen was elected mayor last week and a reform council. We say reform because elections now-a-days are for no other object.

Several aspiring candidates are in the field for the lucrative office of town treasurer. The election takes place to-night.

The bark Kila, from Braha, Germany arrived last Thursday with 400 tons of potash salts to the Potapaco Guano Co., of Augusta.

The work of removing the cargo of the Harvey Mills which was suspended by order of court has been resumed About 500 bales have been taken out already.

Port Royal was enlivened with a free fight last Tuesday. The marshal was unable to arrest the belligerents when fortunately for the sake of peace the Rev. Joe happened along and in a few minutes the crowd were sure from the sulphurous smell that lightning had struck somewhere in the vicinity.

The Russians made the town lively for several days, sixty-eight of them having been on shore three days and not a sober one in the crowd. It was remarked that Port Royal rum made the marines crazy but they never once showed a disposition to fight. One corner grocery is said to have taken in a keg full of gold.

They think that the excess of shade trees at Savannah, keeping off the sun's rays, was one cause of the yellow fever scourge last summer.

A MISSOURI pig lately rooted up two thousand dollars in gold which was buried by its owner during the war. The owner was killed, and his heirs would have missed their inheritance had it not been for the pig. Moral: keep a pig.

ON THE RAIL.

Two engines have just been thoroughly overhauled at the Port Royal shops. The work has been done much cheaper and better than the road had such work done before, when it was obliged to have it done at the shops of other roads, and reflects great credit on the master mechanic, Mr. Riley, and also on the workmen.

A steam pile driver and strong force of workmen are now at work on Whale Branch trestle. It is the intention of the railroad to put this important trestle in the most perfect and thorough condition before the summer comes round.

The section houses along the line of the railroad are being improved and made more comfortable for the laborers.

The immense piles of brick at the Beaufort depot are disappearing as fast as the boys and mules can move them. The contractors for the cemetery are improving the dirt road so that some of the boys who carry passengers to the depot are abandoning the turnpike.

We understand that the sale of the Port Royal Railroad will positively take place soon. The sale would have occurred last month but the order to sell the property in Georgia could not be had from the United States courts in Savannah before last week, on account of the yellow fever being there at the time of the last session of the court.

Sleeping cars were put on the Port Royal Railroad last week running through to and from Savannah and Augusta on the night trains, and will prove a great convenience to the business men of those cities at whose special request the cars were placed on the line.

The conductors now run a round trip without a stop, being on the road about 24 hours, and then laying off during the next 24 hours. They preferred this course as none of them wanted to run exclusively on night trains.

The duck hunter at Yemassee has always a supply of birds on the arrival of the trains. He reports that one day last week he shot sixty ducks, and during the week he killed one hundred and thirty.

The heavy machinery brought from England in the British bark Kate is now being unloaded, and placed in the Green Line cars for Chattanooga, where extensive mines of coal and iron are now being worked by English capital.

Extra trains are now running in order to move the immense piles of guano landed at Port Royal, but it accumulates too fast, and eight more cargoes are now on the way.

How's circus passed over the Port Royal railroad last Tuesday on its way from Savannah to Augusta. The show occupied 42 cars.

A collision occurred in Augusta last Sunday morning caused by an engine on the Georgia Railroad running into engine No. 9 on the Port Royal Road smashing in the cylinder breaking the center plate and breaking off the pilot and bumpers. Mr. Fleming set his men a work and at 9 p. m. Monday the engine was again in perfect order on its way to get the circus train.

How any man can be at the head of a railroad without a military prefix to his name is what the average newspaper man cannot understand. Our fellow townsman Mr. Wilson has been made a Colonel somehow for we find in the Augusta Constitutionalist that "Colonel Wilson, President of the Port Royal Railroad has been North for several weeks in the interest of his road, and from his general appearance we judge he was, as usual eminently successful in the enterprises he has in view."

Marine Intelligence.

ENTERED, ST. HELENA SOUND.

Jan. 9, Russian Bk. Waja, Hogman, master, 66 days from London, in ballast to Campbell, Wyllie & Co.

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Jan. 10, Swedish Bk. Adolph, Hogman, master 45 days from Lisbon, in ballast to Campbell, Wyllie & Co.

Jan. 10, Fr. Bk. Massilia, Got, master, 27 days from Gouadonpe, W. L., in ballast to Campbell, Wyllie & Co.

Jan. 11, Br. Bk. Pathfinder, Williams, master, 28 days from Dakar, Africa, in ballast to Campbell Wyllie & Co.

Jan. 12, Norwegian Bk. Arreal, Lunno, master, 22 days from Martinique, in ballast to Campbell, Wyllie & Co.

Jan. 12, Swedish Bk. Berna, Colibrea, master, 66 days from Gloucester, England, in ballast to Campbell, Wyllie & Co.

Jan. 12, Swedish Bk. Tropik, Kolner, master, 68 days from London, in ballast to Campbell, Wyllie & Co.

CLEARED.

Jan. 8, Br. Bkt. Spartan, Killy, master, for London, with 551 tons of phosphate rock, from Coosaw mines.

Jan 9th Br. Bg. Priors, Richard master for Dub lin with 62 tons of phosphate rock from Coosaw Mines.

10th Br. Bg. Evangeline Le Bas, master for London with 64 tons of phosphate rock from Coosaw Mines.

11th Br. Bg. Taw, George master, for Plymouth England, with 500 tons of phosphate rock from Coosaw Mines.

11th Br. Bgt. Barry, Athowse, master, for Plymouth with 310 tons of phosphate rock from Coosaw Mines.

10th Russia Bk. Minsto, Hagen master for London with 96 tons of phosphate rock from Oak Point Mines.

12th U. S. Canal Steamer, Howard Drake Tug master for Charleston with 100 tons of phosphate rock from Pacific Mines.

ENTERED, PORT ROYAL.

10th, Schr. Mable, from Nassau with guano, to Railroad agent.

10th, Steamship Carondelet, Faircloth, from New York.

11th, Schr. Joseph Whitehouse, from Boston with guano, to Railroad agent.

11th, Bk. Ida, Schweicher, from Brahe with ka nitte, to Railroad agent.

11th, Russian Corvette, Bogatir, for supplies.

16th, Steamship City of Dallas, Chester, New York.

CLEARED.

Jan. 10th, Schr. A. J. Bently, for New York with lumber from R. P. Randle.

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